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**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for the continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/284,690
Filing Date	July 16, 1999
First Named Inventor	Louis ROUSSEAU
Group Art Unit	1764
Name of Examiner	DOROSHENK, Alexa A.
Attorney Docket No.	030790

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  **Previously submitted**

i.  **Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)**

ii.  **Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on** \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

b.  **Enclosed**

i.  **Amendment/Reply**

ii.  **Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)**

iii.  **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)**

iv.  **Other: Petition for Three Month Extension of Time**

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340

i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)

ii.  Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 10/02/2003 MBELETE1 00000064 09284690

iii.  Other any additional fee or any required fee 01 FC:2801 375.00 DP

b.  Check in the amount of \$840.00 for the RCE fee (\$375.00) and extension of time fee (\$465.00) is enclosed.

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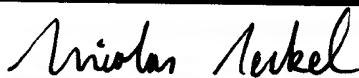
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